Steps to Check the Growth of Irrational Combination of Drugs

1518. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had stated after announcing DPCO, 1987 that certain steps have been contemplated to check the growth of irrational combination of drugs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had stated that certain drug companies mainly multinational companies are resorting to the practice of marketing combinations which are supposedly irrational and making huge profits;

(c) if so, whether Government have increased the mark up on these combinations thus providing more profits to drug companies; and

(d) if so, what was the earlier mark up and what is the present one and how such an action will help in achieving the objective announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) With a view to discourage irrational combinations of drugs, all multiple ingredient Vitamin formulations have been price controlled while single ingredient Vitamin formulations have been price decontrolled as well as all other single ingredient formulations sold under generic names as per recommendations of the Kelkar Committee.

Increase in the Prices of Antibiotics

1519 DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed an increase in the profit margin from 55 per cent to 100 per cent on certain essential antibiotic formulations;

(b) if so, what are the names of the antibiotics used in categories I and II formulations under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 where mark up has been increased;

(c) whether Government have worked out the increase of price of each formulation based on each such drug; and

(d) if so, what is the present price, of each formulation, increased price and the percentage increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Some Category-II formulations which were allowed markup at the rate of 55% under DPCO, 1979 are now entitled for maximum post manufacturing expenses (MAPE) at the rate of 100% of the factory cost under DPCO, 1987.

(b) The required details are given in the enclosed Statement. (See below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not airse.

Statement

Sl.No.	Name of antibiotic bulk drug
1	Chloramphenicol
2	Benzathine Benzyl Penicillin
3	Penicillin
4	Phenoxymethyl Penicillin
5	Procaine Benzyl Penicillin
6	Tetracycline
7	Oxytetracycline
8	Streptomycin Sulphate
9	Pyrolidine Methyl Tetracycline
10	Demethyl Chlortetracycline

Increasing Mark up on Salicyclic Acid

1520 DR H P SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased the mark up

on Salicylic Acid from 40 per cent to 100 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is enough production of this drug;

(c) if so, what are the names of the units and production of each during the last two years; year-wise;

(d) what was the import of this drug during the last three years year-wise;

(e) what is the justification in allowing such high profits on the medicines based on this drug to drug companies; and

(f) what will be the percentage increase in consumer price of finished medicines based on this drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Salicylic Acid is not a price controlled bulk drug as per DPCO, 1987.

(b) to (d) Production and import of this drug is not monitored.

(e) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(f) No precise estimate is available.

Investment Proposals from American Companies

1521. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission authorities have asked a visiting U.S. Trade mission on oil and gas industry to identify those American Companies with expertise in oil and gas production which are willing to invest in India; and

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposal from such U.S. Companies has since been received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) A U. S. Oil and Gas Trade Mission visited ONGC in January 1986. The two sides exchanged views regarding speedier proceessing of tenders, terms and conditions of the third round of bidding for exploration contracts, possibilities of joint ventures in oil field equipment and services, etc.

The Mission was of an exploratory nature.

Setting up of Indo-British Joint Ventures for Shoe Components

1522. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Mnister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up Indo-British joint ventures for shoe components in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what are the financial implications thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

बिहार में लघु तथा मध्यम उद्योगों का विस्तार

1523. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यदव :** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार के पास उन स्थानों में आनुषंगिक लघु तथा मध्यम उद्योगों की स्थापना तथा विस्तार किये जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है जहां-जहां भारी उद्योग स्थित हैं और इस सम्बन्ध में क्या व्यवस्था की गई है;